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SUBJECT

Olympic Security Preparations Briefing

- 1. The following are my comments concerning the Olympic Security Preparations briefing given by Chief Superintendent Ouimet, the Federal Security Co-ordinator for the Clympic Games, which you , C/M (and myself attended at the Vedic Building on August 1, 1974.
- The presentation was designed to provide an overview to representatives from DND including Major J.J. Donahue (Olympics RCMP-LO), and Messrs. Woodend and Doyle (DRAE), of RCMP progress to date on this subject and to indicate the extent and nature of anticipated DND co-operation. the course of the briefing, however, a number of points were raised pertinent to the role of the Security Service.
- The briefing demonstrated that substantial progress has been made on the protective policing aspect of Olympic Security preparations. Chief Superintendent Ouimet opened the meeting with a description of his terms of reference and proceeded to examine Olympic Security objectives and areas of responsibility in detail.
- With reference to DND's role, Chief Superintendent Ouimet stated that approximately 5,000 to 7,000 men should be available on a "first call" basis. He noted that DND participation is important to carry out the responsibility of policing border areas. Furthermore, he anticipated that the estimated number of men required to fulfill this responsibility may increase, depending on the threat estimate.

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In terms of Security Service participation in Olympic Security preparations, several important questions remain to be resolved. It is unclear at this point who will be the recipients of Security Service intelligence and, who will have principle authority to act on the intelligence received. The situation is rather complicated, as one can readily appreciate, given the number of co-ordinators involved. Quite clearly, this problem deserves immediate attention. The scope of dissemination of intelligence and the "line of command" should be clarified to ensure an effective Security Service role.

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A further point arose during the meeting which is of interest to the Security Service and particularly to the Olympics project which Policy-Planning and Co-ordination will initiate with respect to groups engaging in acts of political violence. I refer to the fact that as yet, no provision seems to have been made for the creation of a "special force", trained to combat terrorist activity and to be available throughout the duration of the Games. Reserve forces can be called upon should the need arise, but they may not include men trained to meet this contingency. In view of the special skills and weaponry which may be required in the event of an act of terrorism at the Olympics, perhaps this matter should be given further consideration.

The problem concerning who would have the authority to call upon such a special force is also a subject for further discussion.

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